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Largest library friends book sale ever coming up



Thomas Metthe/Reporter-News People sift through the thousands of books available for sale during the 2015 Friends of the Abilene Public Library book sale at the Abilene Civic Center.

Yesterday 9:00 p.m.

I know we say this every year, but this year, it is absolutely true — the Friends of the Abilene Public Library is having the largest book sale ever.

Beginning at 5 p.m. Thursday, members of the Friends get the first crack at the thousands of books, audio books, vinyl records, DVDs and VHS tapes, cassette tapes and CDs, and more. If you're not already a member of the Friends, you may buy an

annual membership at the door for \$15 per person or \$25 per family.

From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, admission is free for everyone.

People all over the Big Country wait for this sale each year because they can stock up on reading, viewing and listening materials at unbeatable prices.

Large hardcover and softcover books are \$2; smaller paperbacks are \$1; and children's books are \$1.50 per inch. CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks are \$2, while cassette tapes and vinyl records are \$1 each. We even have some computer software at \$2 each.

It gets even better Sunday, when from 1-4 p.m. the famous "Bag-o-Books" sale will take place. Just \$6 will get you an entire bag of great reading, listening or viewing (bags furnished at the sale).

Cash, checks and credit/debit cards will be accepted for purchases, with proper photo ID. The Friends are able to accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Diners Club.

Two featured areas of the sale are Antiques and Uniques and the Corner Store. Antiques and Uniques contains rare, hard-to-find and collectible books at far lower prices than you might expect. The Corner Store features new or "gently used" books at a fraction of their original price. Both of these areas include special-interest fiction and nonfiction titles.

Another facet of this sale is that, while you are finding great books to read, CDs to listen to or DVDs to watch, you have the satisfaction of knowing your money is going to improve and fund materials, equipment, activities and staff training opportunities for the Abilene Public Library. That includes

programs like the Summer Reading Clubs, which are going on right now at all three library locations, and the new South Branch of the Abilene Public Library location being built in the Mall of Abilene.

Add all this to the fact that library services already are free to everyone who lives in Abilene or Taylor County, and that makes the Friends book sale an even better deal. You're getting great, money-saving materials to enjoy and making sure that your library continues as the most inexpensive place for fun and enjoyment all year round.

Information about the sale is available on the library's newly redesigned homepage, www.abilenetx.com/apl, by clicking on the Friends link on the left side of the page. Or please call 325-676-6025 if you have any questions. Hope to see you at the Civic Center.

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